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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Dear Sir:

The Examiner's attention is respectfully directed to the enclosed documents cited on the accompanying PTO-1449 form. Pursuant to 37 CFR §1.97, entry of this Information Disclosure Statement is respectfully solicited.

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As set forth in 37 C.F.R. 1.97(c), an Information Disclosure Statement submitted during the time period specified in that section shall be considered if it is accompanied by a statement as specified in 37 C.F.R. 1.97(e).

Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.97(e)(1), it is certified that each item of information contained in the accompanying form PTO-1449 was first cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of this statement.

These documents were cited by the patent office in Russia in the corresponding Russian patent application (Russian Patent Application No. 2001114832/28) in an Office Action mailed on September 29, 2004. An English abstract and a translation of the cited document rendered by computer at the Japanese Patent Office website (http://www.ipdl.ncipi.go.jp) is attached. This translation is provided as a courtesy reference and this submission is not a representation that the translation has been verified or is an accurate translation of the original Japanese reference.

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It is respectfully requested that the Examiner consider and make of record the documents herein cited and that a copy of Form PTO-1449 be initialed by the Examiner and returned to the undersigned.

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